



Welcome to the Clark County Community Development e-News. We send this publication out once a month to announce the latest in what's happening. We will attempt to cover a broad range of topics that we hope will be of interest to you. We need your input! We welcome your comments about our news bulletin; and if you have topics you would like us to cover and we haven't, we'll do our best to accommodate you!*

It's the economy stupid!

"It's the economy stupid" was a great presidential campaign slogan and it's still relevant today. Clark County spent the last three years crafting a chapter on economic development for its recently adopted comprehensive plan. [Click here for the rest of the article.](#) *

Can you ignore faster, cheaper, and prettier?

The Board of Clark County Commissioners amended [Title 40](#). How do you get an updated copy?

Today, our customers do a lot of work or spend a lot of money to get the code. Customers either subscribe to a code publishing company and wait up to three months, or the access is easy, but the text presentation does not match the remainder of the code. Inserted pages look different, may not be numbered consistently, and are hard to keep in place.

If you are getting tired of waiting or of managing insert pages, we have a better solution.



Starting November 1, 2004 we will offer Title 40 on CD. You can request a copy of the CD and get the most recent code amendments, placed into the code so you can see their true location. You can print all of the code or only the chapters that change. We pledge a one month turn around time from the date of code adoption to the time it is ready for you.

Better than ever, the CD also presents the code in an easier to read format with tables that are easier on the eyes, cross references at the bottom of the page and a variety of other helpful tools.

If you are interested in this option, please call the Customer Service Center at (360)397-2375 ext 4082. We will send the first CD for free. In the future, we will notify you when the code is updated and charge the cost of the CD and postage and handling for subsequent updates in 2005. *

Online Building Inspection Requests Remain Strong

Since July Clark County builders have been able to [request building inspections over the web](#) besides using the telephone IVR. In July, August, and September over 3,200 inspections were scheduled over the web. Between September 10 and October 19, 1,317 web requests were made, nearly 20 percent of the total inspections requested in that time period.

Since July, the web scheduler has been out of service for less than half a day and the down time was related to a county wide system issue. *

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Animal Control pet licensing conversion complete

Community Development converted its pet licensing records to a new database late in October. We also instituted small changes to the renewal process to make it friendlier and decrease administrative burden. As an owner of a licensed pet (your pet IS licensed isn't it?) you may notice a change in formatting of your renewal notice.

The new database will allow staff to view animal data in conjunction with code enforcement, fire protection, etc. This helps increase the safety to our field staff while also giving animal control officers new tools. The conversion will allow us to implement online license renewals in 2005. ★

Annual Community Pride Design Awards

Community Pride Design Awards ceremony will be held on November 16th from 6 to 9 pm. This program was established in 1996 by public and private organizations within Clark County. The program recognizes outstanding and unique efforts in creating buildings, development, and improvements that have had a positive impact on the community. Clark County Community Development and the City of Vancouver co-chair the program.

Nine awards will be presented at the ceremony. Three projects were chosen to receive Honorable Mention recognition.

Award recipients:

Anthem Park at Uptown Village
Camas Public Library
Cascadia Village Apartments

Discovery Courtyard at the Washington State School for the Blind
Historic Reserve Red Cross Building
LaCenter Community Building
Ray Hickey Hospice House
Thomas Jefferson Middle School
Washougal Police Station

Honorable Mentions:

Awbrey Glen Planned Development
Bruce Wood Residence
Irbys Fine Wine & Microbrews Restaurant

This year, the award ceremony will be held at Royal Oaks Country Club and will include a dinner. In addition to acknowledging the Community Pride Design Award recipients, the Building Industry Association will be acknowledging award recipients of their Building Excellence Awards program.

For more information, please contact Kathi Curtis at (360) 397-2375, ext. 4382. ★

Congratulations!

During the annual Animal Control training conference last week, **Teri Wilson** was re-elected as secretary and **Darcy Hendrickson** was named treasurer of the Washington Animal Control Association. In addition, Darcy received her chemical capture certification.



Boe Richards recently received her plumbing certification and was promoted to combination inspector I. ★



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New Faces

Alzada Anglin

has accepted a regular OAI position in Customer Service. Alzada has successfully filled this position as a temporary employee since April. To Clark County, Alzada brings eight years of banking industry experience. When away from work, Alzada enjoys spending time with her family.



On sabbatical from business coursework at WSU Pullman, **Patrick Higbie** is currently filling a temporary position as an assistant to

the pet licensing officer in Animal Control. Prior to joining Community Development, Patrick worked in Customer Service at the Van Mall Retirement Community for six years. In his spare time, Patrick enjoys competitive pistol shooting and camping. ★

Data Library satisfies inquiring minds

The Community Development does not print a quarterly data report. Instead, we offer the data on our website in our [Data Library](#). If you want to know how many permits were issued, and how long on average it took to issue the permits, the data library is your source for information. The library also offers basic population, housing, and general demographic data, and an excerpt

from the land use plan monitoring reports. ★

ComDev in the News

"Police seize 43 items tied to dog-fights." The Oregonian 10-15-04

http://www.oregonlive.com/metronorth/oregonian/index.ssf?base/metro_north_news/109784205956030.xml

"Vancouver police seize incriminating evidence in dog-fighting inquiry." The Columbian 10-15-04

http://www.columbian.com/10152004/clark_co/200274.html

"Police seize 21 pit bulls in dogfight investigation." The Columbian 10-13-04

http://www.columbian.com/10132004/front_pa/199437.html

"21 pit bulls allegedly bred for fighting." The Oregonian 10-13-04

http://www.oregonlive.com/metronorth/oregonian/index.ssf?base/metro_north_news/10976691868100.xml

"Development plans put off in Hazel Dell." The Oregonian 10-8-04

http://www.oregonlive.com/metronorth/oregonian/index.ssf?base/metro_north_news/1097236581178613.xml

"Retail possible on old Legacy site." The Columbian 10-6-04

<http://www.columbian.com/10062004/business/197065.html>

"Love Leathers to shut its doors." The Columbian 10-2-04

http://www.columbian.com/10022004/clark_co/195527.html

"City talks tough on fireworks offenders." The Columbian 9-28-03

http://www.columbian.com/09282004/clark_co/194114.html

What's On TV Tonight?

There is a lot on CVTV (channel 23) about Community Development. For example, you can watch the animal control, land use, and code enforcement hearings, as well as the county's Planning Commission. To see the complete schedule click here: www.cvtv.org ★

Expanding our audience

Do you know others who would benefit from this information? Any list serves that would be appropriate for us to post this on? On the other hand, if you would like to be taken off our e-mailing list, just let us know. Contact Désirée at desiree.demoneye@clark.wa.gov. ★